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CONSUMER TIME

VACATION IN OUR NATIONAL FOREST

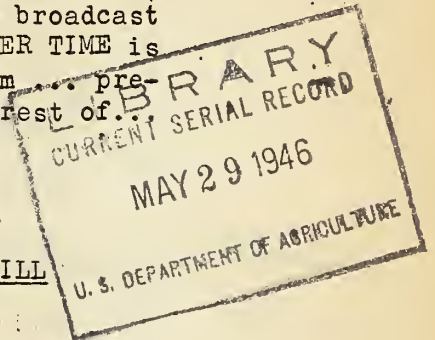
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1. SOUND: CASH REGISTER RINGS TWICE...MONEY IN TILL
2. JOHN: It's CONSUMER TIME!
3. SOUND: CASH REGISTER...CLOSE DRAWER
4. ANNCR: During the next fifteen minutes, the National Broadcasting Company and its affiliated independent stations make their facilities available for the presentation of CONSUMER TIME by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.
5. MUSIC: FOREST MURMURS
6. JOHN: Today, Mrs. Freyman...our story is...your summer vacation.
7. FREYMAN: Yes, Johnny...lots of people are beginning already to make plans for their first peacetime summer vacation...in a good many years.
8. JOHN: Have you ever taken a trip to a National Forest, Mrs. Freyman?
9. FREYMAN: A National Forest? Why...no, I guess I never have.
10. JOHN: Lots of people never have. And right now, many people are wondering whether the National Forest recreation areas are going to be open to campers this year.
11. FREYMAN: So...that's what we're going to tell about?
12. JOHN: Yes... And before we begin our story...I think we should mention...that there's National Forest within one day's driving distance...or less...from nearly every town and village and farm in this country.

13. FREYMAN: Is that so, Johnny?
14. JOHN: You might say the woods are full of 'em. So...let's get on with our story. I know a family, Mrs. Freyman...neighbors of mine...who're planning a summer vacation. Are they going to take a trip to a National Forest? I wonder. Pop holds out for a fishing trip...Junior's skeptical...and sis has vastly different ideas.
15. MUSIC: LIGHTLY
16. SIS: Gosh! I'd sure love to take one of those Caribbean cruises!
17. JUNIOR: Aw, what're you talking about. Isn't that just like a girl... always wants to meet someone romantic on a ship...
18. SIS: What do you know about it?
19. JUNIOR: I know plenty about it.
20. SIS: I just want to be out on the blue, blue ocean...under the tropical sun...
21. JUNIOR: Tropical sun...listen to her... Isn't it tropical enough right here on Elm Street in July?
22. SIS: Oh, you haven't any soul, that's all. You're just a brat.
23. JUNIOR: Listen to her, Pop. Now it's a Caribbean cruise she wants.
24. SIS: Oh stop, Junior.
25. POP: (PUTTING DOWN THE PAPER) Hmmm? What's that? What's all the squabbling about?
26. SIS: Nothing.. We were just talking about summer vacations, that's all.
27. POP: You two got it all figured out where we're going, eh?
28. JUNIOR: Sure. She wants to take an ocean cruise.
29. SIS: I do not. All I want to do is go to someplace on a ship... like Havana, for a week. Honestly, Pop, it wouldn't cost much ...and we'd only stay a week... It'd be wonderful...really it

30. POP: Hey, now wait a minute. I don't think they've started those cruises...and besides...what do you think your old man is... a millionaire?
31. JR: She wants to meet somebody on boat.
32. SIS: All right...tell what you want to do this summer, Junior.
33. JUNIOR: (LACKADAISICAL) Me? I don't want to do anything in particular
34. SIS: Sure you do. You said you wanted to go to Alaska.
35. JUNIOR: Well why not anyhow? S'good place to go.
36. SIS: Alaska. How do you expect us to get there...fly.
37. JUNIOR: Drive, I guess. Alaska's much more interesting than old Havana, and all those latin places...
38. SIS: You don't even know what you're talking about...
39. POP: Here, here, Children... that's enough of the arguing. I believe I've settled where we're going for our vacation...
40. JUNIOR: Well, where?
41. POP: We're going some place where we can have quiet...where the surroundings are beautiful...where it's good and healthful...
42. SIS: And where we can go fishing. I know. Out in the woods. And if there's anything I hate...it's fishing!
43. POP: Oh, now, Sister, you don't have to fish. You can take a book along...sit under a tree.
44. SIS: (DERISIVE) A book!
45. POP: Enjoy the scenery...go horseback riding...get a suntan...
46. SIS: Where is this wonderful place we're going, anyhow?
47. POP: Well, don't know exactly. We've got several places to choose from....
48. SIS: (WEAKLY) All woods?
49. POP: National Forests. Where they have camp grounds...that sort of thing.

50. SIS: It doesn't sound so exciting to me. All my girl friends are doing exciting things. Bessie Jones' family is taking her to Mexico City.
51. JUNIOR: (MIMICKING) Oh, and Bessie is just simply thrilled...it's just too, too thrilling you know....
52. BIS: Stop it, Junior. Pop, why can't we do something interesting... like that? Like going to Mexico?
53. POP: Now listen, kids. Remember what we said earlier in the spring? About our summer vacation?
54. SIS: No.
55. POP: Well, we said that this was our first real summer vacation... since the war began. That we have plenty of gas...our tires are in good shape...and we're mighty glad to be able to hit the open road again...
56. SIS: Yes, Pop, I know...but gosh...
57. POP: And we all decided that since we can't spend a fortune...and we can't take more than two weeks...it would be a jolly fine idea to go camping somewhere.
58. SIS: Yes, I know...but since then I've been thinking it over...
59. POP: Out in a National Forest, where it's cool and quiet...where the birds are blooming...and the flowers are singing...and the trout streams are rippling over the stones... Back then when we first talked about it, you kids were pretty excited.
60. SIS: Fishing.
61. JUNIOR: But gee, pop...just anybody can go to a National Forest.
62. POP: Well, we're just anybody.
63. JUNIOR: Hmmm. (PAUSE) Can we go someplace where there's swimming?
64. POP: I don't see why not. And since when, Junior, have you frowned on the idea of pitching a tent out in the woods?

65. JUNIOR: Well, I sorta don't mind that...
66. POP: Sorta don't mind. And how about cooking supper over the campfire...frying fish we've just caught in the stream...
67. JUNIOR: Gee...
68. POP: And waking up in the morning with the birds...and the bright morning sun shining down through the green leaves...
69. SIS: Oh, stop it you two. You're driving me wild. Your idea of fun. (FADING INTO A WAIL) You and Junior...that's all you want to do...and all anybody in this family wants to do. Pack up a tent and drive off to the awful woods somewhere... (ETC...OUT)
70. MUSIC: CROSSFADE...BRIDGE
71. MA: Bill! Bill, they've come.
72. POP: Yes, Sara...what is it?
73. MA: They've come. The booklets you sent for.
74. POP: Booklets?
75. MA: On the National Forests. About camping out.
76. POP: Oh! Really? Here, let me see 'em.
77. MA: Bill...do you think the children will really enjoy it?
78. POP: Enjoy it. What do you mean. Sure they will...what could we do that's more fun?
79. MA: I know...Junior seems to like the idea. But sister, now...
80. POP: You just take it easy about sis...she'll come around.
81. MA: But...she's getting to be such a lady...she just doesn't like to be stuck way out in the woods...
82. POP: You just don't worry about that.
83. MA: I know...but...
84. POP: Looky here, Sara. Look at this photograph...first page. Riding on horseback along the lake. "Where skies are blue and water's clear, a vista of Blue Paradise Lake, Gallatin National Forest."

85. MA: It is pretty, Bill. But listen, now...
86. POP: And here's a chapter on "Roads and Trails..." "Hunting and Fishing"... Boy, oh boy!
87. MA: But Bill...
88. POP: And look at this...here's a booklet for you, Sara. "Cooking over the Campfire".
89. MA: Well, now let's see...
90. POP: Recipes and everything...how to build a fire...what to have for breakfast, lunch and dinner...
91. MA: This makes it look easy, Bill.
92. POP: Easy...and fun.
93. MA: Now if the children only...if sister would just be more enthusiastic...
94. POP: Sara...you're worrying yourself...about something I know is going to be all right. Boy, look at this picture. (FADING) Hiking in the wilderness! And this one....(ETC...AD LIB OUT)
95. MUSIC: CROSSFADE
96. POP: Sis...
97. SIS: What is it, Pop?
98. POPL Did you see this?
99. SIS: What?
100. POP: This booklet about vacations in the National Forest:
101. SIS: Oh...that again..
102. POP: S'pretty good reading.
103. SIS: Is it?
104. POP: Got something in here about forest rangers and their job, and all that.
105. SIS: Forest rangers?

106. POP: Sure. Tells a little about how when you're traveling through the forest, it's a good idea to get directions from them...and how they....
107. SIS: Forest rangers. Do they have them in National Forests?
108. POP: That's where they do have 'em.
109. SIS: Gee, I've seen pictures of them...riding on horseback...
110. POP: They're mighty busy people. There's a lot to do you know. They not only have to guard the forest against fires...but....
111. SIS: (DREAMING) Once I saw a movie about forest rangers...with Paulette Goddard...
112. POP: But they have to see that the timber is cut too...and...
113. SIS: It was in technicolor...
114. POP: Sis, are you listening to me?
115. SIS: Oh...yes, Pop!
116. POP: These rangers have a number of forest guards under them...and together these fellows have to see that the timber that's cut... is cut right. They have to see that roads are built...and kept up. They spend a lot of time not only protecting the trees... but the birds and wild animals...the fish in the streams... the cattle and sheep and horses that graze in the forest. And they help protect lives and property against fires and storms. On top of all that they have to accommodate some 11 million Americans who like to camp, fish, hunt and picnic in the forests
117. SIS: They're really in the groove, those rangers.
118. POP: Yes, and their job isn't an easy one. You know, during the war, the rangers and the forest guards...were so busy getting out timber...and helping the armed forces with materials and equipment...that they didn't have much time to see that the camp grounds were kept up.

119. SIS: But the campgrounds are open this year, aren't they, Pop?
120. POP: Oh yes they're open, all right...but they tell us not to expect to find everything in the same tip-top shape it was before the war. It takes time to put recreation areas back in shape.
121. SIS: I suppose, really, that they'd be glad if...if...
122. POP: If what, Sis.
123. SIS: If people who came to camp in the forest...if they sort of helped clean up the place.
124. POP: Oh I think they would. I think most of all, they'd like us to be exceptionally careful about not leaving trash around. A good idea would be for folks like us to leave every camp or picnic area as nice as we'd like to find it.
125. SIS: Yes of course. And put out the campfire...and be very careful with matches...
126. POP: That's most important...
127. SIS: We all ought to be thoughtful about these things.....
128. POP: You're right, Sis. Now they also tell us...that in some of the campgrounds...the water systems aren't working yet...and some of the benches and tables need repairing...
129. SIS: Oh...that's nothing. I mean maybe we could even help put some of the tables and things back together...
130. POP: (TONGUE IN CHEEK) Those fellows would sure appreciate it.
131. SIS: I mean...you know...as long as there's something to do around the place...it wouldn't be so bad...
132. POP: Oh there ought to be a few things to do, Sis.
- (BREATH PAUSE)
133. SIS: Pop?
134. POP: Yep?
135. SIS: Do all National Forests have forest rangers?

136. POP: Of course. They've got to watch over those woods...
137. SIS: Well...
138. POP: Well, what, Sis?
139. SIS: Guess I'll go over to Bessie's house.
140. POP: Over to Bessie's?
141. SIS: I haven't seen her in quite a while.
142. POP: Thought she was going off to that fancy vacation in Mexico or someplace.
143. SIS: She hasn't gone yet I guess. (PROJECTING) I've just got a lot of things to tell her, that's all. See you later Pop.
144. MUSIC: _____
145. POP: Now of course, Sara, we could stay in a village nearby...at a resort hotel, or a tourist house...
146. MA: I know, Bill...but I'd just as soon try camping out...
147. POP: Good sport, Sara....
148. MA: How'll we know where to pitch the tent?
149. POP: Oh...we'll find out where the camp sites are...and look a few of them over, before we decide.
150. MA: Do we have to get a permit to make camp, Bill?
151. POP: No indeed...not on the recreation areas. But I think that at certain seasons, if you want to camp somewhere out of these areas, you have to get a campfire permit from the ranger.
152. MA: It's free, isn't it?
153. POP: Sure. It's all free. Free and wide open to everybody.
154. MA: My goodness Bill, I'm really beginning to get excited about it. What'll we have to take?
155. POP: Well, of course we've got to bring our own tents and bedding... and our cooking utensils and food. If we go to this campsite we've picked out...I believe there's a small town not far where we can buy food.

156. MA: I'd rather stock up here, in case there isn't a good place to get supplies, though.
157. POP: The Forest Service says that's a wise thing to do.
- 157A. MA: Bill, I guess I never thought much about National Forests. Are they just for camping out and recreation?
158. POP: No indeed... A lot of timber comes out of the forests. And mining goes on too...in some parts. Cattle and sheep graze on the rangelands, of the National Forests. And you mustn't forget that they're important as game ranges.
159. MA: Is that so?
160. POP: Sure... In the west, they're a home for most of our western big game animals. And what's more...these forests are the source of water supply for six million city dwellers.
161. MA: Well, now, I never. (BREATH PAUSE) Oh, hello there Junior... we were just talking about....
162. JUNIOR: (INTERRUPTING) Say, what's got into Sis? Would you tell me that?
163. POP: Got into her? What do you mean?
164. JUNIOR: She's sure acting funny.
165. POP: She is?
166. JUNIOR: Sure. She's talking to herself. She says the funniest things..
167. SIS: (COMING IN) I am not talking to myself. I'm just making out the list.
168. MA: What list is that, Sis?
169. SIS: To be sure we don't forget anything...on our trip.
170. MA: Oh, is that it?
171. SIS: Now Pop, you're supposed to take a big-full sized axe. The advice from the Forest Service says not to bother with belt-axes, or George Washington hatchets.
172. POP: Is that so, now.

173. JUNIOR: (ASIDE) See what I mean about Sis?
174. SIS: And take a flashlight. And a supply of candles. Also...a reserve supply of matches in a watertight can.
175. POP: That's good advice, Sister.
176. SIS: And is there will be mosquitos... Will there be mosquitos, Pop?
177. POP: Why I expect so.
178. SIS: Then we have to take an insect repellent. We can make our own. One part oil of citronella; one part spirits of campher; one half part oil of cedar; and add some olive oil...
179. JUNIOR: What's got into her?
180. SIS: Now Pop will need a good strong shovel...(GOING OFF...BEGIN FADE)... And we really ought to take a little two-burner gasoline stove...to cook on. We can use a campfire for sitting around... and for keeping warm...(AD LIB.. FADE OUT)...
181. JUNIOR: She's really sold, isn't she, Pop?
182. POP: Looks as though she got hold of some of the material I sent for from the Agriculture Department. Yes, soon...it looks to me, what with camping and fishing and generally enjoying the great outdoors...our family is going to have a good time this summer...on a National Forest vacation!
183. MUSIC:
184. FREYMAN: Well, Johnny...that's how one family...got together and decided what to do about a vacation this summer.
185. JOHN: It sounds like fun to me, Mrs. Freyman. What I'm interested in... was this material "Pop" sent for...from the U. S. Forest Service? Can anyone get it?
186. FREYMAN: Of course, Johnny...we were just going to tell about that. We've made up a special packet of bulletins especially for our CONSUMER TIME listeners, called a Vacation Packet. Do you want to tell about it, Holly Wright?

187. WRIGHT: If you're planning to drive to a National Forest for your vacation, or weekends, this summer...write for the Vacation Packet of bulletins, especially prepared for you, and ^{it's} yours free. It contains a booklet entitled "National Forest Vacations", one called "Cooking Over the Campfire", another ^{and} "Building with Logs,"/another called "Forest Fires",
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188. MUSIC:
189. FREYMAN: And now Johnny...next week on CONSUMER TIME?
190. JOHN: Next week...a special broadcast from the Food and Agriculture Organization meeting in Washington. Be with us then for another edition of...
191. SOUND: CASH REGISTER...MONEY IN TILL.
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